

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A video presentation tool kit for creating an annotated video presentation formed of a number of linearly associated video frames each having associated video frame information; comprising:

a user activated designation tool for designating at least a portion of at least one of a number of video frames;

an annotator tool arranged to for annotating the designated video frame portion by generate a set of op code instructions used to annotating the designated video frame portion; a processor arranged to receive the op-code instructions and execute the received op-code instructions wherein the executed op-code instructions cause the processor to permanently modify the video frame information corresponding to the designated video frame portion; and

an authoring tool arranged to provide additional effects to enhance the video content modifications of the designated video frame portion, wherein the op-code instructions can be used to permanently modify any appropriate video frame information and are thereby independent of any particular video frame information.

2. (Previously Presented) The tool kit as recited in claim 1, wherein the additional effects include a verbal or textual commentary effect for providing verbal or textual commentary to the designated portion, a zoom effect for zooming into part of a scene in the designated portion to point out particular details therein having an optional zoom effect verbal commentary that provides a verbal description of the zoomed portion, a frame freeze effect, a frame drawing effect that provides for graphically drawing on the designated portion, and a color correction effect.

3. (Previously Presented) The tool kit as recited in claim 2, further comprising:

a multimedia overlay tool for creating a multimedia overlay associated with the designated video frame portion for communicating multimedia presentation data associated only with the annotated video frame portion wherein the multimedia presentation data includes video presentation data, graphical presentation data, and/or audio presentation data.

4. (Previously Presented) The tool kit as recited in claim 1, wherein the designation tool is a pointer icon.

5. (Previously Presented) The tool kit as recited in claim 1, wherein the authoring tool is a linking tool that links the designated portion to a vista point that provides an enhanced view of a corresponding portion of the designated portion.

6. – 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The tool kit as recited in claim 1, wherein the user activated designation tool is activated by way of a user provided command via an input device selected from a group consisting of a graphics tablet, a keyboard, a joystick and a microphone.

10. – 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method for creating an annotated video presentation formed of a number of linearly associated video frames each having associated video frame information; comprising:

designating at least a portion of at least one of a number of video frames;

annotating the designated video frame portion by generating a set of op-code instructions used to permanently modifying the video frame information corresponding to the designated video frame portion;

receiving the op-code instructions by a processor;
executing the received op-code instructions by the processor wherein the executed op-code instructions cause the processor to permanently modify the video frame information corresponding to the designated video frame portion; and

providing additional effects, if desired, to enhance the video content modifications of the designated video frame portion wherein the op-code instructions can be used to permanently modify any appropriate video frame information and are thereby independent of any particular video frame information.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the additional effects include a verbal or textual commentary effect for providing verbal or textual commentary to the designated portion, a zoom effect for zooming into part of a scene in the designated portion to point out particular details therein having an optional zoom effect verbal commentary that provides a verbal description of the zoomed portion, a frame freeze effect, a frame drawing effect that provides for graphically drawing on the designated portion, and a color correction effect.

23. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 22, further comprising:

a multimedia overlay tool for creating a multimedia overlay associated with the designated video frame portion for communicating multimedia presentation data associated only with the annotated video frame portion wherein the multimedia presentation data includes video presentation data, graphical presentation data, and/or audio presentation data.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the designation tool is a pointer icon.

25. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the authoring tool is a linking tool that links the designated portion to a vista point that provides an enhanced view of a corresponding portion of the designated portion.

26. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the user activated designation tool is activated by way of a user provided command via an input device selected from a group consisting of a graphics tablet, a keyboard, a joystick and a microphone.